REMARKS

Accompanying this communication is a Power of Attorney in favor of the undersigned. The Examiner's cooperation is sought to ensure that future correspondence is directed to:

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The Examiner should also note that a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.182 was filed on June 13, 2002 to change the surname of the inventor from INDENCE to McGEE. The Examiner's cooperation is sought to ensure that this name change is effected in the file.

The new set of claims 14-23 was drafted to obviate the indefiniteness rejections raised by the Examiner against the original claims, and to better distinguish the invention over U.S. Patent No. 5,664,110 to Green and the book "How the Internet Works".

Applicant's claimed invention recites a method of processing a "scheduled transaction by an event date". Green discloses a real-time method of ordering products. Once Green's order list 52 has been compiled, the order is immediately executed by user activation of the response icon 62 (col. 12, lines 57-59).

Applicant's claimed invention also recites automatically entering data by using an electro-optical reader "provided on the terminal". Green discloses a scanning wand 20 which is not provided on the display/processor unit 10, but instead, is a separate "light-weight package" connected to the unit 10 by a wireless radio frequency link having an RF transmitter 22 and an RF receiver 24 (col. 3, lines 8-22).

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Applicant's claimed invention also recites that the "server" 95 operates to search databases on the network to find potential suppliers of the scheduled transaction. By contrast, Green discloses that the "user selects the merchant" from the merchant databases 14 (col. 5, line 31).

Allowance of claims 14-23 is respectfully requested.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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